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MEMORANDUM OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 1962

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All members were present and in addition Ambassador Stevenson, John McCloy and Clyde Yost from the UN

Mr. McCone reported briefly on intelligence matters summarizing the intelligence memorandum of 12 November, calling specific attention to the fact that assembly of weapons was continuing and the differing inter-relationships made by Fidel Castro. The DCI also called particular attention to 2001 25-4-42, noting American D limiting the military equipment delivered to Cuba since August 1st; that which was there prior to August 1st, and the total, and stated that \$250 million of equipment and spares had been delivered since August 1st.

DCI then emphasized that as a result of these deliveries Castro had in his hands capability to supply insurgency groups operating against any of the Caribbean and Central American countries, Mexico, and the northern tier of Latin American countries. He stated that delivery of maritime equipment, while insufficient to support an invasion force, was sufficient to support insurgency forces to a far greater extent than Castro had heretofore.

During the exchange of discussion concerning aerial surveillance, McCone pointed out that if the Soviets lit up the SAM sites, which they were capable of doing, then we can only proceed with aerial surveillance at great hazard, and probably this means of inspection would not be effective.

During the meeting, the President was advised that a Cuban had appeared on "TODAY", an NBC show, and stated he knew positively there were 62 missiles in Cuba; that only 42 had been removed, and that the balance had been hidden in caves. The President asked for a report, and also for continuing surveillance of this type of report which is presumably based on rumor and gossip. The DCI reviewed discussions with AP-UP and the Washington Star and said this particular report would be handled immediately.

The remainder of the meeting is covered by hand-written notes attached.

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Director

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